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For:	PRIMERS FOR USE IN DETECTING BETA-LACTAMASES			

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed 19 May 2003, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from 19 August 2003 to 19 September 2003.

Additionally, in view of the fact that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was closed on Friday, September 19, 2003, due to hurricane Isabel, Applicants respectfully submit that the present Amendment and Response, filed herewith, is timely filed today, Monday, September 22, 2003.

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